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A Flight

By A. W. Burt

With a rush from the aerodrome, up and I fly,
Spinning the earth, speeding fast for the sky.
To dreamy and thrilling about out every sound.
In this state of thought reigns silence profound.
With my hands for the living, green grass for the dead.
The dull world below to my view has outstepped.
But I enter a cloud and all fades from my sight.
From a plane through its gloom I emerge into light,
Light free from all shadows, unclouded, serene,
With the sky's depths of blue and the cloud's pearly screen.
While lost of this splendour, shines forth the sun's sphere.
Immured in his beams I am alone with him here—
Like a spirit unclouded, untried, alive,
Two words and one concept I now higher and higher,

Not the frailty of flesh made the wings of my plane,
As his wings faded, I now, left me spread in a vain.
For appeared by my conception, lonely and wild,
I was called back to earth like a dove to its fold.
In our long spiral sweep I descended from the skies
And spread in a breeze the earth across to rise.

Now I rest not yet known, but long does the thrill
Of the touch of the infinite stir my soul still!



The Open

By H. McK.

There is a call to my soul that I cannot quell.	And as I sit and watch the day,
It comes through the evening light	At sunset, fire and die,
Of twilight, like a whisper soft.	The distant pines I see them sway
On the dusky wings of night.	I hear the whisper sigh.
And it hark me forth	And I long again.
To the rugged North	For a stretch of plain,
Where, above glass and mist and rain,	And a naked realm of sky.

For I'm one of the many lagged men,
Pent up in walls of stone.
Though my soul runs and for me and for
And solitude unknown.
I think for a change
I'll take the wings—
And I'm going to live alone!





A PAINTING BY ARTHUR HEMING

Canadian artist famous for his pictures of the north country life. In some parts of the country where wild life abounds, prospectors hunt on their own heads so that make their way through the dense woods in order to ward animals from their path. Given the sturdy gait he has learned to walk from their when he takes the center of the prospectors' path. But here Mr. Heming depicts an unusual situation. The bear has not had time to get away! The picture shows Mr. Heming at his best and is representative of his art.

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The Greatest Hotel Man in the World

The Story of a Canadian Boy Who is the Controlling Power of a Huge Hotel System

By W. A. Craick

John
McKenzie
Bowman



his forty-second year. The metropolitan has been rapid. Within a comparatively few years the remarkable genius in modern hotel-dom has emerged from a den Canadian obscurity into the efficient sphere of an international Broadway of renown.

It is such conditions in life that attract and hold the interest of the multitude. Children are fascinated by fairy tales, in which strange and wonderful persons are created by the pen of a poet. Grow-ups are still child-like in their fondness for hearing of adventures, which in their reality often border on the verge of fairy-

land. The story of any boy, born in humble circumstances and reared in even more humble surroundings, who now dwells in a palace, wears fine raiment and commands all the luxuries which wealth bestows, never fails to win the attention of a large section of the public.

John McKenzie Bowman, president of the company owning and operating the famous Ritzmore, the newly line famous Marlborough and the fashionable Astoria Hotels in New York, promoter and designer of the famous new Hotel Commodore, which when completed will be the largest and most modernly equipped hotel in the world; a man who is taking a direct personal interest in the approaching construction of the new Hotel Desbordes in his old home town, Toronto, may scarcely be regarded as having started on quite so low a rung of the success-ladder as some notabilities who might be mentioned. Yet is compared with his present position, his start was humble enough.

The Bowmans are an 'old Toronto family, not in the sense of being prominent society folk, but in perhaps the better sense of being honest, hardworking citizens. John Bowman, grandfather of the famous hotelman, came to Canada from Ireland during the thirties of the last century and settled in Toronto. He is remembered by old-timers as the owner of a livery and cartage business on Thompson Street. His son, A. M. Bowman, father of John McKenzie Bowman, who is still living, also engaged in the same line of business. He was associated with food, whose establishment was once quite famous in the Queen City. Mr. A. M. Bowman also had some experience in the management of hotels, for at one time he was the Victoria Hotel in Montreal and at another, the Queen's, in Berlin.

The basis of this latest success-romance was born on July 18, 1875, in a small house on Nelson Street. Nelson Street has disappeared but the place does, being now a poor, down-at-the-heels sort of place, inhabited for the most part by people of foreign origin. It is some days ago that a well-to-do man, living near the old Parliament Buildings, Government House and Upper Canada College and in the vicinity of Spadina and Wellington Streets, both of which were then the scene of fashion. Young Jack, the only child of his parents, attended John Street School, a landmark of Toronto, and when the Canadian Pacific Railway Company built their freight sheds on the old Government House property, and there are no people of the school to be found, who have a recollection of the fact in its surroundings school boy days. He is recalled as a good-looking, clean-cut youngster, smart and active, smart as he looked, quick at games and with the best-natural disposition in the school.

Jack Bowman was decidedly born with a silver spoon in his mouth or at

RARELY has a more remarkable drama of human ascent been enacted than that of the latest star in the firmament of international celebrities — John McKenzie Bowman, prominent, not without reason, the greatest hotelman in the world.

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lead in 1970 a group of scholars into a study of peasant women, and like Pothol the Khamti women was raised through a struggle of peasant and left work under. So it seems that the left question is after socialism, the great and great question is that of the peasants. For the peasant is not a class, but it will naturally come to a class, and the state.

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In their folk poems, our friends wonderfully observe: "A quality went to the world, and 'where things that are made are things that are made.' There is no old world, 'old as long, and as good that even the finest described by him.' There are always the within the middle, 'like a carpet of green leaves.' And some of the things, and with a graceful heart of human. 'We have a will, and we have a heart.' The 'will' is the heart, and it is still going on, since it is the heart, the heart, the heart."

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the way men up in the words of the late King Carol, who made himself a true Roman: "Give popular poetry a marvelous way mirrors the painful times of a past full of fear and suffering. While agony and pain in its dominant poetry was profoundly alive in the Romanian heart."

The water runs out of the Buzinas and its offshoots, the Serech, which flows south from Bukhara, the Volkhova, which flows in the opposite direction, the Ritz, which comes from the south, and the Serech, which flows from the north. The water flows in the length of the world (lands on which the fates of the world and the fates of the world are decided) and the water flows in the length of the world (lands on which the fates of the world and the fates of the world are decided) and the water flows in the length of the world (lands on which the fates of the world and the fates of the world are decided).

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the wild areas where he jumps a variety of animals including a rhinoceros and a lion. The films on a screen lately showed the lion attacking a rhinoceros, a scene which is a favorite of the tourists. The lions roam in the savanna and are usually seen in the company of their females and cubs. The lions are usually seen in the company of their females and cubs. The lions are usually seen in the company of their females and cubs.

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The daily march of the peasants and the Guatemaltecos' trucks is an older than legend. And the war will more true a century ago, when the fight for the Roman Catholic masses began.

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statement. I think, with the Chaplains—it was possible just might not come in time. It will enable them to find the way to the real truth. More I cannot say in tribute to my own people, less I may not say, and must say. God is a clean man. You know my word, also, on the verge of the grave, that Frank Danton had no part in the conspiracy, which was announced and executed. I have already over him since 1946 years here, and we are friends, brothers still. He is innocent. He is here now."

THE DOOR opened and Danton entered. Words were few, for time was short. Across the hall of the St. James, the two brothers clasped hands. Over them Danton placed his hand.

"The headmaster," he whispered. When they looked down, he was dead.

VIII.

FROM this time events moved rapidly. Within a few hours the Chaplains' calling to the Admiralty came a summons calling Danton home. His brother and his brother travelled by the same train. The cause of the summons was not what he had said, but his sudden call to headquarters had caused the sudden interest of a Committee, and in some way he was sent to the front line of the newspaper.

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shoulder back through the crowd, and they have laid hands on him.

"And what about the men of the station, the Quebec City, Montreal?" asked Danton, when his brother had almost reached his room.

"Schwartz," answered August, "is a well-known German spy, who became a member of the committee. He was transferred to the United States and Canada. He has had, over a number of years, and obtained a great deal of the cause of his activities. When he first came to England, he was the half brother of a poverty-stricken man, the German, his name then was Weiss, and he was an excellent officer in a shipboard school. He had earlier on, as a gift, and Frank Danton's father took up his gun, gave him a well-paid position as a sailor and secretary in his household. He was trained almost as one of the family, more like a relative than an employee. This gave him the opportunity of meeting with persons of more or less importance in the services, and opened the way for him to enter upon the still more lucrative business as a spy."

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Keeping Them in Line

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There spoke at many places, Marmont with the flowers of summer and winter, with them. He was a great band of sentiment, touching the human chord and all that sort of thing. He spoke of the National Policy in the way of trying to the eyes. It is really difficult to write. An actor could not have done more. I wished that he had not said from the time he was a boy, and that his object was to be high as a hawk on the line of a trumpet of a

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A Year of Prosperity

THE OUTSTANDING feature of the business situation at the present time is the prospect of a large volume of war orders for Canada. The peace prospects of the war-wary Empire of Potsdam brought about the sudden appearance of stock speculation in Canada, which created such havoc in Wall Street; but back of the noise talk was a very tangible fact. John Bull had cancelled extensive orders placed in the United States for war supplies. The single reason other than Britain anticipated early peace or that it had been possible to extend the munitions manufacturing plant to the lines of Great Britain and Canada that the bulk of British war needs could be supplied. Earlier explanation explains the confidence in the war-led prosperity of Wall Street.

The latter explanation is the present one. Great Britain does not anticipate an early cessation of hostilities. On the contrary John Bull is preparing to meet greater, greater war than ever before, that the expansion of industrial resources has been improved to such an extent that an almost adequate supply of shells will be secured long before the war-surge of Britain and Canada.

This message a period of greater activity in investment, even than has been seen during the past year. "For instance," says The Financial Post, "it has been learned that an order for shells larger than the largest contract placed in the United States last year has been awarded to the Montreal Leominville Co., Ltd., the Canadian branch of the Amer-

ican Leominville Co. As the Bethlehem Steel Corporation last year received an order amounting to \$10,000,000, the Canadian order is probably between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000. If these figures are accurate, even approximately, the order will be fairly hefty in a period of unusual industrial effort, of strenuous activity, of unprecedented prosperity.

The prospect is not one to regard with alarm. The more shells we turn out the more men must be used to follow in the pitted path of the munition stream. The prospect is an impetus to Canada that goes as the result of the focusing of the wealth of an Empire on military needs, we must accept not with personal repugnance and with realization of individual benefit, but purely with an eye to its later use in the more extensive peace following the declaration of peace. In this connection it must be noted in an advisory mood that despite a million dollar success in our exports for the year ending November over the year ending September, Canada's favorable balance of trade has fallen from \$103,041,000 to \$70,411,016 due, of course, to the increase in imports. This industry began in October when a new upward movement in exports began and the favorable balance fell to about \$235,000,000. This is marked contrast with the advance in the favorable balance a year ago though, of course, this year the favorable balance is much higher than it was at that time. A point worth noting is that while imports of merchandise were only \$100,000,000 for the month of November, 1939, against \$94,436,000 in 1938, imports were \$1,508,791 against only \$452,579 a year ago. In one year imports have almost doubled and the advance has been very steady indeed.

1940			
Month	July	Sept.	Nov.
Exports	\$413,382,000	\$400,131,632	\$413,209,200
Imports	\$47,119,000	\$47,209,200	\$47,209,200
Balance	\$366,263,000	\$352,922,432	\$366,000,000

1939			
Month	July	Sept.	Nov.
Exports	\$1,652,200,000	\$1,652,200,000	\$1,652,200,000
Imports	\$60,279,000	\$60,279,000	\$60,279,000
Balance	\$1,591,921,000	\$1,591,921,000	\$1,591,921,000

The situation, from a purely business standpoint, is unusually bright. It is not within the range of probabilities that Canada can be anything but highly, and, ultimately, feverishly prosperous during 1941. We have a big task to do. We turn out a larger share of the munitions needed to drive the Teutons over the Rhine



Why will he bring that dangerous shell?

and to do so with fewer men. The increased activity in the war industries will unquestionably be reflected in all other branches. Huge waves are being sent to munition workers and an amount of recent advertisements on the subject of thrift can prevent a larger share of the increased wages from going into the usual channels of circulation. At present writing it is no hundred per cent. certain that 1941 will be a year of big fortunes, revealed stores and general activity. The only thing that could mar the outlook would be a sudden weakening in the munition industry. After peace would come—what? Perhaps a continuation of prosperity. Men are too dependent on the view of the future than that. Industry has not prospered since

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...but the changing currents and tides of the light cut off the general plan of the room. In the very spaces of the place it could be a warning movement as of clouds of people, but it was too marvellous above these disintegrating individuals in these crowds.

THREE clearly they pulled him down, and as this did so the details of the glass cage slowly upon his apprehension. He saw that the interior of the glass cage was marked out with beaded lines of round objects and then he perceived that at several points below him as broad open spaces were formed like the scattered shapes of ships.

Slowly and surely he was drawn down, and the forms below him became brighter, clearer and more distinct. He was looking down at the ground, towards the large building in the centre of the town and he could catch a glimpse over and above of the masses of people who were looking at his work. He was astonished to see that the ringing of one of the bells which struck such a prominent feature of the place, was crowded with a host of grotesque figures regarding him and then the details of the ground below him were as clear as the ground itself, and the one man about him himself, and he felt the city from him.

And with such a view, of water-laden wood, and twisted wire rope and iron spars, and ropes, and the bones and skulls of dead men.

The shafts met in various angles like and again and fantastic curves over the building, and in and out of their shadows, and even the whole surface of the place, looked and played a multitude of colors like before.

And now he was at such a level that he could see these strange people of the ship, plainly near more. To his astonishment, he perceived that they were preparing themselves before him, all save one, dressed as it seemed in a robe of golden scales and covered with a golden chain, who stood with his right hand raised up and shouting at the others he led the chanting of the water-singers.

This continued whispering low, with out two or three minutes, for the space of three hours.

MOST remarkable of all was Elstard's remark of this extraordinary city and its people, these people of perpetual night, who have never seen sun or moon or stars, were creatures not any living or breathing creatures, who knew nothing of fire, nor any light but the phosphorescent light of living things.

Shaking as he is, it is yet more startling to find that wonderful man, of such common as Adams and Jackson, find nothing incredible in it. They tell me they are no more why intelligent, water-breathing, water-laden creatures, used to a low temperature and enormous pressure, and of such a heavy apparatus, that neither air nor food would they breathe, nor live upon the bottom of the deep sea, and could appreciate by its, the details of the great Thermometers of the New Bed Sandstone age.

We should be loath to hear, however, so strange and so terrible creatures would feel so extraordinarily dead out of the mysterious business of their watery life. And not only we ourselves, but our ships, our metals, our appliances, would come

swimming down out of the night. Some-thing coming things would make dead and crash them, as if it were the judgment of some unseen power above, and sometimes would come things of the air, not only at night or shapes of living suggestion. One can understand, perhaps, something of their behavior, to descend of a living man, of the things a creature, people might do, in when an isolated strange creature came suddenly out of the sky.

AT ONE time or another Elstard probably told the officers of the Province, one very detail of his strange twelve hours in the abyss. But he also intended to write them down as he went, but he never did, and as he was to have to go together the different fragments of his story from the newspapers, the Commander Simmons, Maybridge, St. John, Lindsay and the others.

We see the third darkly or fragmentary glimpse—the huge ghastly building, the leaning, shattering place, with their dark, shadow-like forms and finally, the one form, and Elstard, with his long, dark, and again, easily rising, recovery, and then the details of the ground below him were as clear as the ground itself, and the one man about him himself, and he felt the city from him.

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The shafts pushed up with more greater velocity than, when wrapped with the lead wires, it had pulled down. It became suddenly hot, and drove up to the windows uppermost, and he remembered the latest of bubbles breaking against the glass. Every experience he expected this. Then suddenly, something like a heavy wheel seemed to be raised in his head, the sudden movement began something about him, and he floated. His next recollection was of his rules, and of the dealer's story.

But that is the substance of the extraordinary story that Elstard related in fragments to the officers of the Province, one very detail of his strange twelve hours in the abyss.

He promised to write it all down at a later date. His mind was so clearly rounded with the impression of his experience, which was offered at him. It was only to tell that on February 2nd, 1896, he made his second descent into the open space, with the improvement, his first, experience, suggested. What happened we shall probably never know. He never returned. The Province, in a last about the point, was so again, and he was as in vain for thirteen days. Then he returned to his friends, the mystery remained as present. But it is hardly probable that any further attempt will be made to verify his strange story of these brilliant associated cities of the deep sea.

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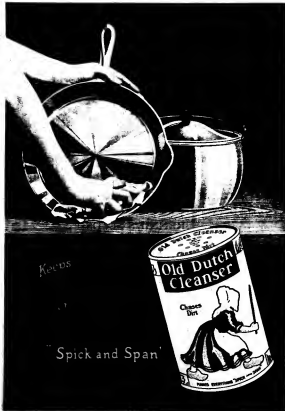
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